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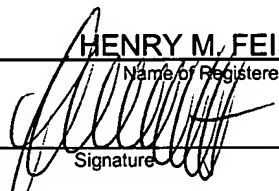
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Docket No.: BLAU

In re Application of:	)	
MATTHIAS BLAU ET AL.	)	
Appl. No.: 10/757,355	)	
Filed: January 14, 2004	)	Group Art Unit: 3761
For: IMPLANTABLE CONVERTER FOR COCHLEA	)	
IMPLANTS AND IMPLANTABLE HEARING	)	
AIDS	)	

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Preliminary to the first Official Action in the above-entitled application, please amend the application as follows.

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